

If God Is So Good, Why Do I Hurt So Badly?

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever asked this question before? What answer did you come up with?
2. What makes having choices so important that God would give us the choice to choose evil?
3. What affect did Adam and Eve's sin have on the world?
4. If you were Adam and Eve, would you have been any different than they were?
5. Why does Satan want people to do evil?
6. Have you ever let a child struggle to do something before? Why did you allow this? Was it easy for you to stand by and watch? Why not?
7. Would these same things apply to why God would allow us to struggle? Why or why not?
8. If God were to give you a choice to have cancer and die from it, but doing so is the only way your family and friends would come to a saving faith, would you choose to have cancer? Why or why not?
9. How has hard times grown your faith?
10. What have you been given that helps your faith that you could only get by going through hard times? How valuable is that thing to you?
11. What are some things you have learned through the hard times of your life?
12. Has God ever used hard times to draw you back to Himself? How?
13. What are some things we need to repent of that are revealed during difficult times?
14. What were some of the questions God asked Job? What were these questions designed to prove?
15. What was Job's response to God's questions?
16. Why do we try to control what God does? Why are we angry and upset when He doesn't do what we want?
17. How does focusing on who God is and all the power and knowledge He has, help us to deal with our suffering?

18. The only answer Job got was God. How is this enough?
19. What response do you have toward God when you are suffering? Does it need to change?
20. How is God greater than we can grasp? How are we smaller than we surmise?
21. How does suffering purify us like gold?
22. How is God's silence different from His absence? Why do we think if God is silent that He is not there?
23. Why should our suffering lead us to think of the Savior's suffering?
24. Why did Jesus come to the earth?